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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018                      10:30 a.m.              Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Phelps.

Representative Albert made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on April 11th, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5916 and HB 5917 before the committee.

HB 5916 (Vaupel)	Animals; pet shops; regulation of pet shops in the sale of dogs; clarify.
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HB 5917 (Vaupel)	Local government; ordinances; local government enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule regulating a qualified pet shop; prohibit.
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Representative Vaupel testified to the Committee regarding the contents of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Ron Isaacson DVM., testified in support of the bills.

Alaina Markel and Melissa Novakowski, both representing Petland Novi, testified in support of the bills.

Daniel Hochstetler representing himself, testified in support of the bills.

Tricia Stottele, representing the Family Puppy, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed. John Stottele, also representing Family Puppy, joined to answer questions.

Robert Crough, representing Paradigm Dog School LLC., testified in support of the bills.

Stuart Collins, representing Pet City Pets, testified in support of the bills.

Vice-Chair Alexander assumed the gavel, the time being 11:16 a.m.

Nancy White testified in support of the bills.

Chairman Barrett assumed the gavel, the time being 11:23 a.m.

Mike Sherman, representing Petland of Novi, testified in support of the bills.

Marie Schluter and Rebecca Phillips, representing themselves, testified in support of the bills.

Jenifer Measel Esq., representing Plaintiffs v. Petland, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Pam Sordyl, representing Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Beatrice Friedlander, representing Attorneys for Animals, testified in opposition to the bills.

Jen Rigterink, representing Michigan Municipal League, testified their concerns with the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Sabo made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund.

Tony Stamas, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Preuss, representing Preuss Pets.

Bob Darden, representing the Michigan Association of Pure Bred Dogs.

Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation.

Tim Dusterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association.

Roger Thorman, representing the Michigan Fox Hunters Association.

Jim Wale, representing the Michigan State United Loon Hunters Association.

Joe Hudson, representing the Upper Peninsula Bear Houndsmen Association.

Savonne Caghey, representing the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council.

Derrick Markel, representing himself.

Jenny Fox, Sheila Noonan, and David Boelkes, all representing Barking Boutique.

Mary Jo Isaacson, representing the Madison Veterinary Hospital.

Erika Paul and Gage Liberati, representing Petland Novi.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Lindsay Larris, representing the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Amy Jesse, representing the Humane Society of the United States.  
Cheryl Gault, representing the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance.  
Elizabeth Oreck, representing the Best Friends Animal Society.  
Sonnie Bryant, representing herself.  
Anne Armstrong, representing herself.  
Julie Duke, representing herself.  
Joan Fox, representing herself.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:00 p.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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